

Arkansas DHS EVV Town Hall

Tuesday, October 22, 2024





Meeting Etiquette



- Please keep your cameras and microphones off as we cover the information today
- This session will be recorded. The recording and presentation will be available at Sandata On- Demand, one of Sandata's learning portals
 - Parts of this recorded session may be used as an EVV training resource
 - We will also add a link to the <u>AR-DHS EVV website</u> to the same content
- If you have questions....
 - Please enter your questions using the 'Q&A' feature at the bottom of your screen
 - Questions will be addressed after the meeting once the recording has been stopped
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 - You can also submit questions to AR-DHS directly at evvarkansas@dhs.arkansas.gov
- After today's town hall, your feedback is needed on today's presentation. Please take a few minutes to complete this so we can work to expand future events to ensure you have the information needed





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Agenda

- AR-DHS Program Overview
- Sandata: Who We Are
- Introduction to Sandata EVV
- Introduction to Alternate EVV
- Provider Self-Registration Portal
- Provider Training Options
- Next Steps





Program Overview





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The CURES Act & What is EVV

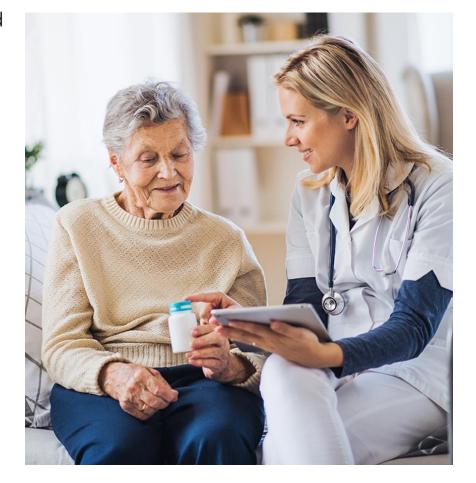
EVV is a computer-based system that electronically documents and verifies service delivery information for certain Medicaid service visits. EVV helps prevent fraud, waste and abuse while making sure Medicaid recipients receive care that is authorized for them.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is a federal requirement for Medicaid-funded home health services that require an in-home visit. Arkansas Department of Human Services (AR-DHS) oversees the implementation and operation of EVV in programs that provide certain home and community-based services.

Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act is the law that requires all 50 states to implement EVV in Medicaid programs for personal care and home health services.

In Arkansas, for this project, EVV impacts certain services overseen or covered by:

- Home Health Providers (FFS)
- PASSE (Managed Care)









Who is required to use EVV?

AR-DHS has identified certain services as required for EVV—these include services that are or are related to personal care services and home health services. Providers of these services will be required to use EVV.

EVV Services

- Physical Therapy Aid Home Health
- Physical Therapy Home Health
- Registered Nurse Home Health
- Licensed Practical Nurse Home Health
- Aide Home Health







Visit Verification Requirements

The EVV system for agency-based services will include a mobile application to collect EVV data in the least burdensome way while meeting the CMS federal requirements for EVV including electronically verifying the following information:

Individual Receiving
Service

Individual Providing the Service

Type of Service Being Provided

Location of the Service

Date of the Service Delivery

Beginning and End Time of Service Delivery

These 6 CMS EVV Requirement Elements are the EVV Requirements per Section 12006 of the CURES Act.







Open Model Solution

The AR-DHS EVV Solution is an Open Model which means that providers can use their own EVV System and send their EVV-related data to the EVV Data Aggregator, or they can utilize the EVV System that the State will provide. Providers utilizing an EVV system other than the State provided systems are known as an "Alternate EVV" (Alt EVV) provider.

State-Provided
System

OR

Alternate EVV System

All visits, either verified in the state-provided EVV System or through a provider's approved alternative EVV System, will be sent to the EVV Data Aggregator. If a provider chooses to use an Alt EVV System, they will still be required to provide all the 6 CMS EVV requirement elements.



Sandata – Who Are We?



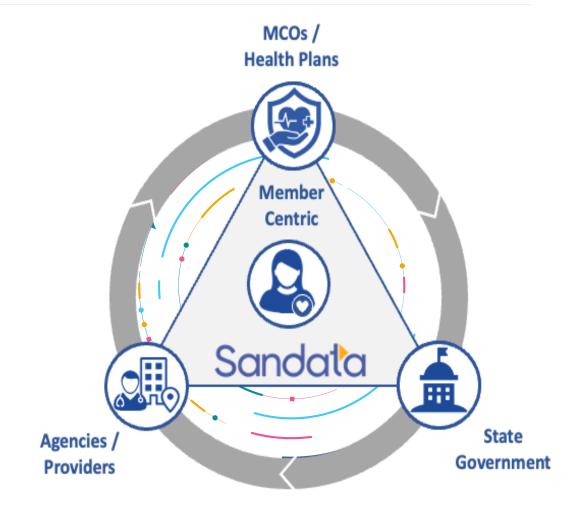


The Pioneering Force in Homecare

Who Sandata Helps

Sandata serves the needs of organizations across the homecare ecosystem, connecting the ecosystem through innovative technology solutions. We create a positive and lasting impact on payers, providers, employees, and those who receive care.

- Homecare Agencies
- I/DD Agencies
- Managed Care Organizations/Health Plans
- State Agencies
- Employees (Caregivers)
- Members

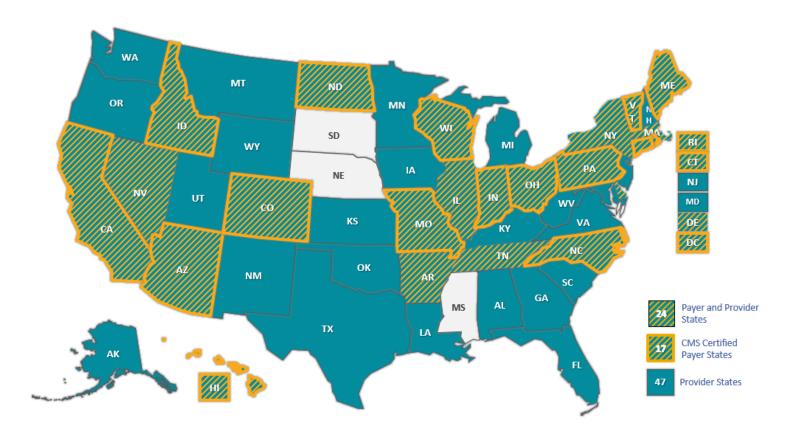






Sandata - By the Numbers

- 24 State Medicaid Contracts
- ▶ 110 MCO Connections
- 20,000 Agencies served across 47 states
- 200MM+ Home care visits validated annually





Sandata Solution



Data Integration

Visit Capture EVV

Sandata EVV™ Portals

Sandata Aggregator

Oversight and Analytics

- Information provided from the State can be used by providers to ensure their members are eligible to receiving care
- Multiple available EVV technologies ensure real-time visit data and verification is always available and captured at the point of care
- Sandata EVV users can view visit data through an easy-to-use user interface to monitor activity and make visit capture corrections as required
- Collates and normalizes all provider data against AR-DHS's business rules, regardless of which EVV system you use
- A variety of reports allowing provider agencies to view and export EVV activity



Providers using Sandata EVV



Sandata EVV Your State-Supplied EVV solution!

- Each provider agency will need to register with Sandata. We will review this in more detail shortly
- Provider agency administrators will complete training to gain Sandata EVV access to be able to add their employees
- Employees record visits using Sandata Mobile Connect (SMC) downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store and via Telephony (Dial-in number will be provided in Welcome Kit)
- Providers can view and update visits in the Sandata EVV Visit Maintenance portal
- Member information will be supplied to Sandata by specific data sources

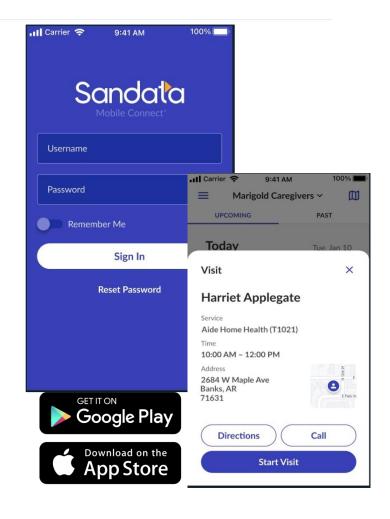




For Employee in the Field - Sandata Mobile Connect®

Sandata Mobile Connect ("SMC") meets your employees and members where they are to ensure an easy-to-follow experience.

- Primary method of EVV for state programs
- Available for iOS / Android
- Works Connected or Disconnected ("Offline")
- Captures GPS at the Start and End of the Visit
- Supports Spanish and English for the Arkansas Program







Electronic Visit Verification ("EVV") Telephony ("TVV")

Telephone Visit Verification ("TVV") supports workers that do not have a mobile phone.

- Workers call in from the member's home phone.
- Automatic Number Identification ("ANI") works like 911 to find out where the call is coming from and matches it to the member's phone number.
- You can use TVV alone or with Sandata Mobile Connect ("SMC") to make sure a visit is captured.
- TVV is available in Spanish and in English for the Arkansas program.

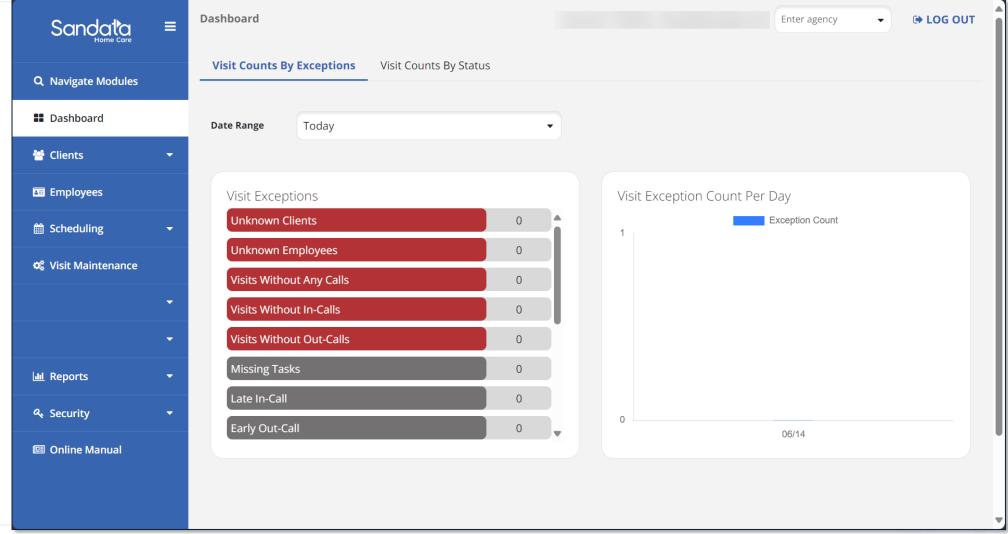




For Provider Agency Staff: Feature Overview

Exceptions Dashboard

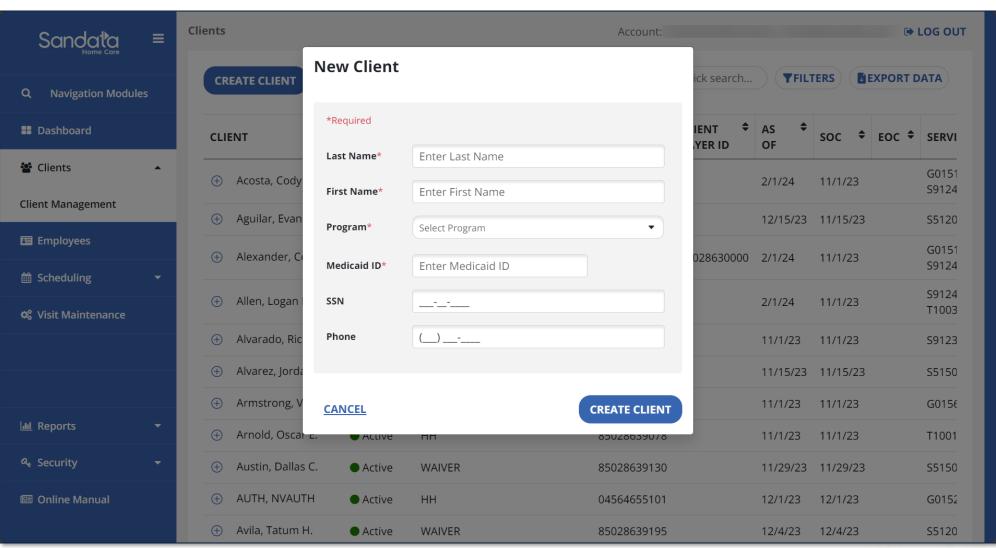
Allows the user to quickly view all issues that need attention.





Member Intake

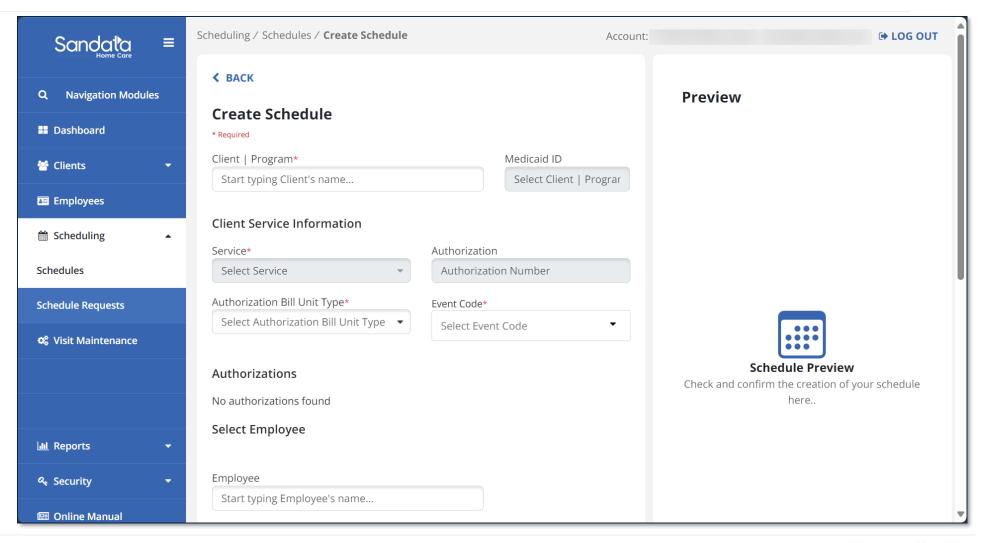
Quickly load members using only a few key pieces of data to match to the State system.





Scheduling (Optional)

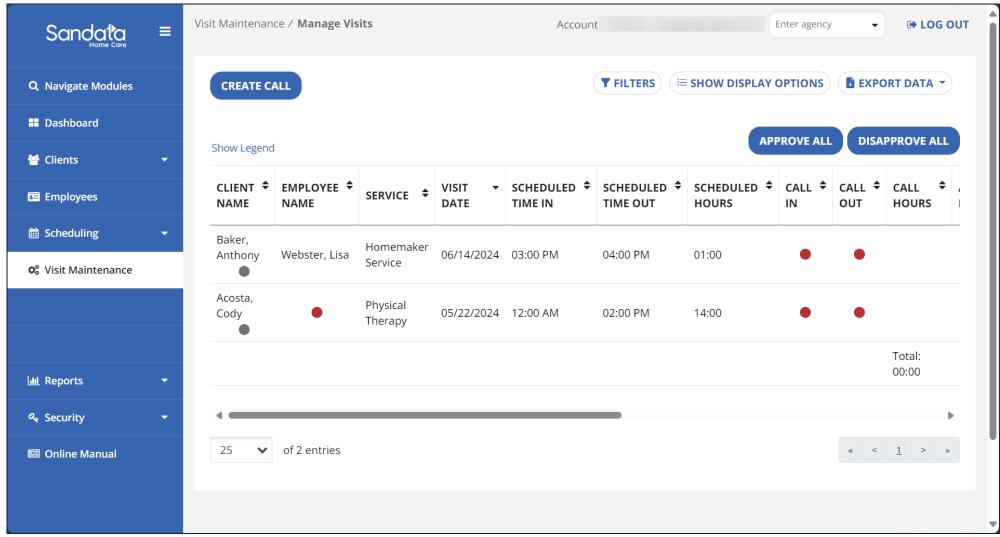
Scheduling is available as an option. This helps inform your employee of upcoming visits and allows for alerting.





Visit Maintenance

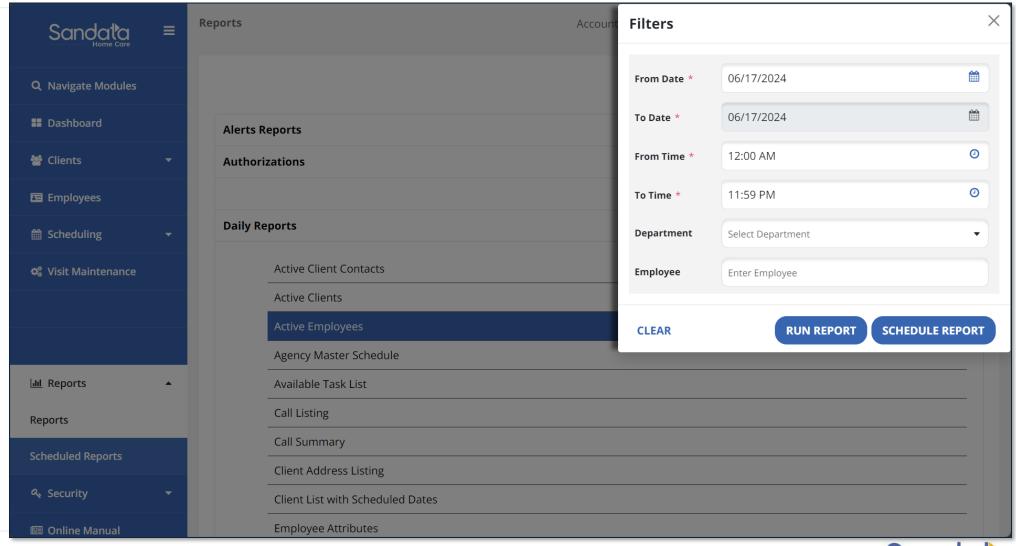
Industry
leading tools
to provide
oversight and
manage visits
and
exceptions.
Export visit
maintenance
data to Excel
with a single





Reporting

Over 40 available reports with a variety of filters to allow you to report on all EVV data including exports to CSV and Excel.





Providers Choosing to Use a 3rd Party Alternate EVV System





Alternate EVV (Alt EVV) at a High Level

What is Alt EVV?

- Agencies can use any EVV vendor system (Providers must submit an Attestation to AR-DHS that the vendor complies with State's requirements)
- The vendor will submit your data to the Sandata Aggregator
- Agencies may see their data in Sandata's Aggregator
- Qualified state users and payers may see the data that applies to them

The Vendor Certification Process

- Vendor certification begins with a single provider agency designating that vendor in the Provider Self-Registration Portal as their Alt EVV vendor
- The vendor then registers in the Vendor Registration Portal to start the certification process
- The vendor completes testing to be certified to send data compliant with the Arkansas specifications. Production credentials issued at time of go-live biding the Provider has submitted a completed Attestation form to AR-DHS.





How it works...

Capturing your Visits

- Use the capabilities provided by your vendor to capture visits electronically
- Updates and changes to your visits are made in the vendor's system
 - Ensure all required elements are present including...
 - Cures Required Elements; and
 - Arkansas Required Elements
 - Add missing calls and visits
 - Changes to visits must be fully logged

Send Visits to the Sandata Aggregator

- Your vendor's system will transmit all visit information on at least a daily basis using the standard specifications
- Sandata will apply rules to the data received including...
 - Does the member exist in the supplied Arkansas data
 - Does the transmission meet all the established rules; and then
 - Sandata's Aggregator will apply all
 'business rules' also known as exceptions





And Then....

Reviewing your Data

- Providers using an Alt EVV system will have access to the Sandata Aggregator
- The Sandata Aggregator will display all visit information received that made it past the validation rules
- You can review the status of your visit and any applied exception

Why can't I see my Visit?

- For some reason, the Sandata Aggregator couldn't accept your data
- Your vendor should have a log to provide additional information
- Possible Causes:
 - Data incorrectly formatted or not sent in per the specifications
 - An AR-DHS member is not in the file transmission

What if I have Exceptions?

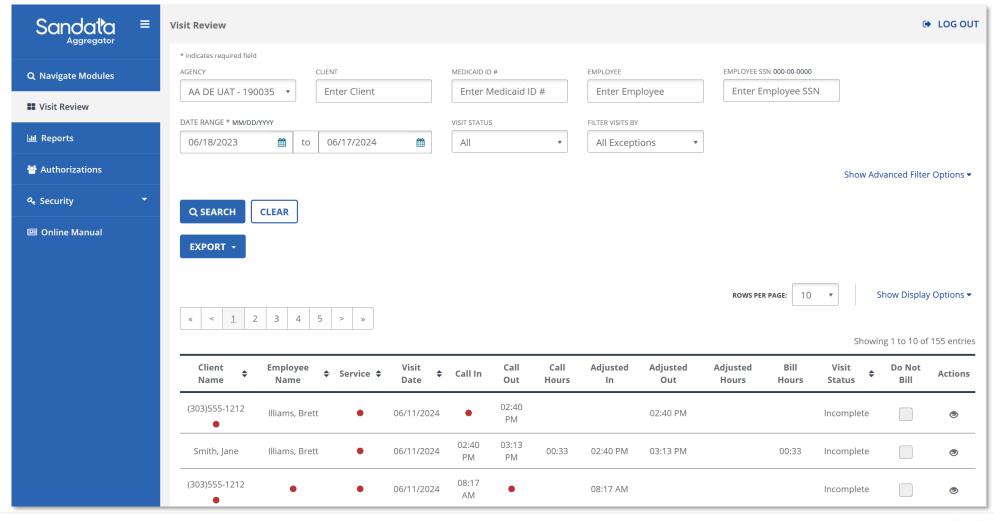
- Visit data can not be edited directly in the Sandata
 Aggregator
- Providers will need to go back to the Alt EVV system, make the appropriate corrections and resend the visit with information about who made the change, when the change happened and why the change was made



What is the Sandata Aggregator?

Visit Review

All data
provided by
your vendor is
visible, just like
in Visit
Maintenance
except
changes can
not be made
directly in the
Aggregator.

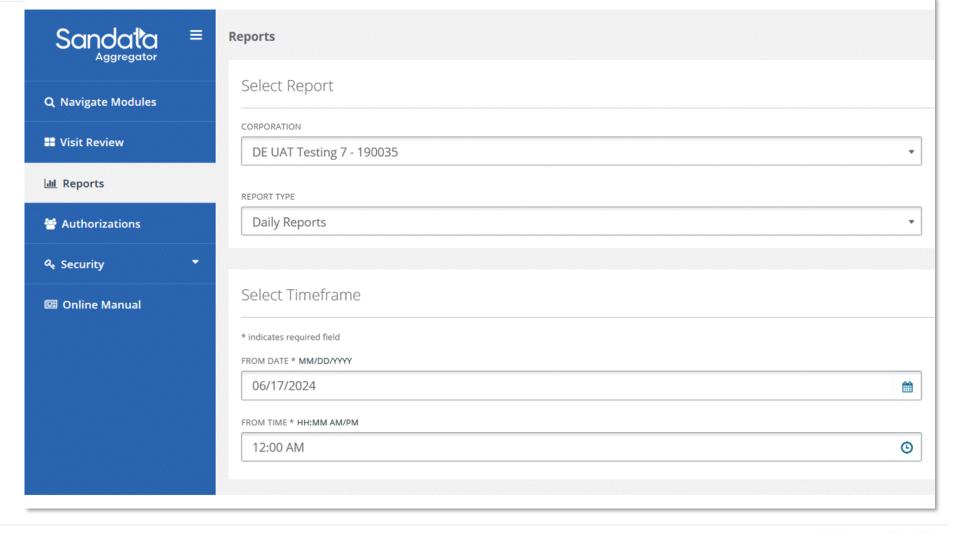




What is the Sandata Aggregator? - Continued

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Provider Self-Registration Portal Overview



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Who needs to register?

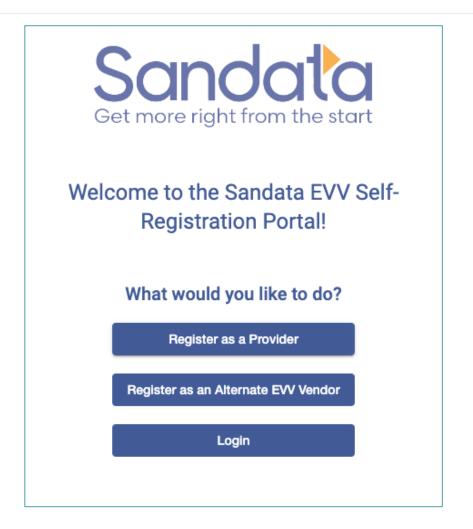
• All Providers that provide Home Health services

Where does a provider register?

- Use the Sandata EVV Provider Self-Registration Portal
- Provider Medicaid ID is the unique provider identifier that you will need for registration
- The Provider Self-Registration Portal is expected to open December 18th



Provider Self-Registration Portal Landing Page







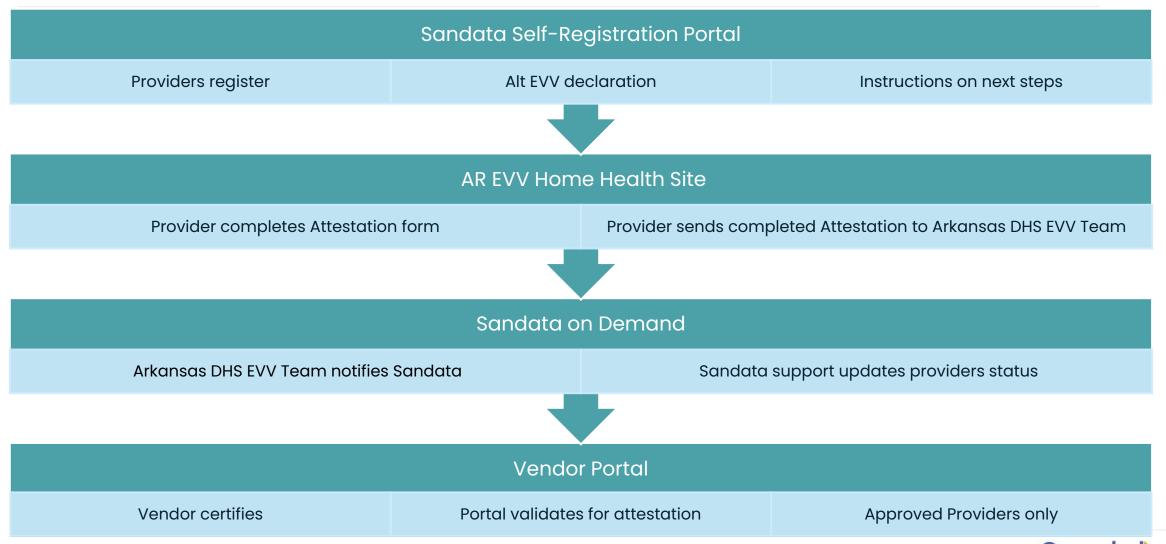


Why do providers need to register?

- Ensures providers who are required to use EVV when providing services for AR-DHS members have accounts, which results in more accurate program reporting
- Captures up-to-date contact information for providers
- Creates one place for providers to both register for the EVV program and indicate if they are using an Alt EVV vendor
- Guides the provider through the EVV onboarding process, one step at a time
- ▶ The provider self-registration portal is expected to open December 18th



The Process



What EVV Training is Available



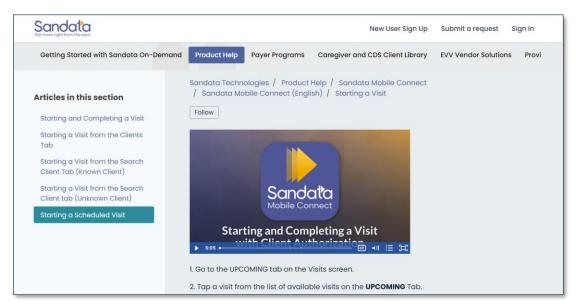
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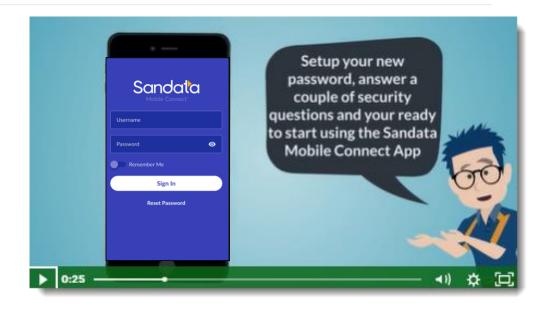
- 1. Online Course for Agency Administrators (2 hours)
- 2. Online Courses for Agency Admins and Staff (Self-Paced)
- 3. Virtual Instructor-Led Training Sessions
- 4. Access to Video Library and Guides in Sandata On-Demand
- 5. Surveys/Evaluation

What is Sandata On-Demand?

Self-serve access to state-specific resources

- Guides and Instructional Videos
- Follow individual articles or tiles to receive notifications on updates
- Customer Support
 - https://sandata.zendesk.com/hc/en-us





Caregiver Library

- Videos and guides
- Visit Capture: Mobile App
- No login required



Provider Agency Administrator Roadmap

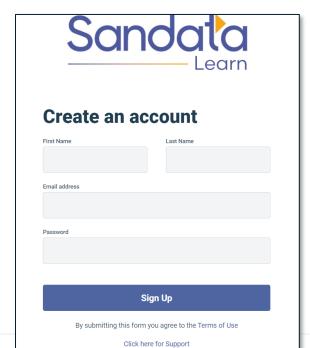
Register in Provider Self-Registration Portal



Set up an LMS account on Sandata Learn for completing mandatory Security and Overview courses



The administrator receives an email confirmation containing links to LMS and Sandata On-Demand





Receive Welcome Kit with login credentials and Call Reference Guide

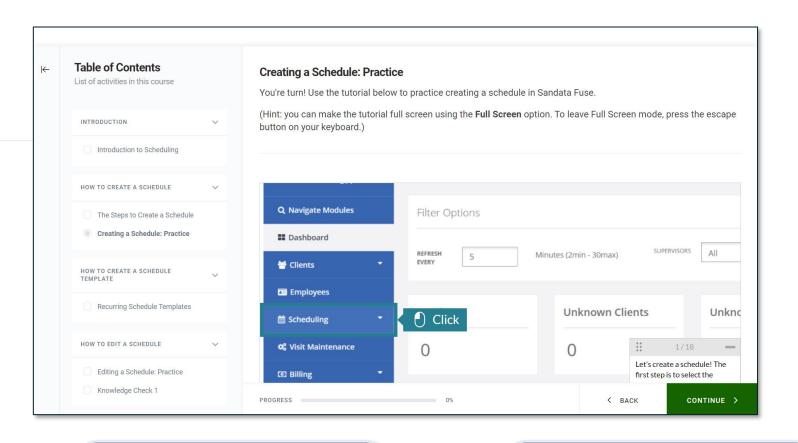


Distribute the Sandata Learn link to office staff. Register for either self-paced courses or instructorled sessions





Office Staff Training Roadmap



Receive the Sandata Learn link from the agency administrator



Create an LMS account in Sandata Learn



Enroll in either self-paced or instructor-led courses on Sandata Learn



What Alternate EVV Training is Available



What Aggregator Training is available?

1. Online Course for Agency users

2. Sandata On-Demand resources for State Entity Users

3. Access to Video Library and Guides in Sandata On-Demand



Alt-EVV Agency Administrator Roadmap

Register in the Provider Self-Registration Portal



Complete
Aggregator training
through Sandata
Learn



Ensure Alt-EVV
Vendor registers in
the Vendor
Registration Portal
with Sandata



Once testing is complete, Provider receives login credentials



Alt-EVV Vendor goes through testing with Sandata



Next Steps



3 More Town Halls (2 are tentatively scheduled)

Sandata will be hosting 3 more Town Halls tailored for providers, Alternate EVV vendors, Provider Agencies, PASSEs, and other stakeholders. Each event will cover some content from previous events and more.

Next Town Hall

November 12th

Time: 10:30a – 12:00p CST

- Provider & Vendor Registration process
- Training Overview
- Review of technical specification for Alt EVV vendors

Subsequent Town Hall (Target) December 17th
Time: TBD

- Vendor Self-Registration Portal process
- Provider Training
- Q & A

Final Town Hall
(Target) January 21st
Time: TBD

- Provider Training
- · Go Live details
- Customer Support





Next Steps for EVV Engagement



ENGAGE:

Look for upcoming EVV communications from AR-DHS.



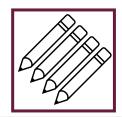
LEARN:

Stay updated on the EVV implementation on Arkansas Medicaid EVV information website, which can be accessed here: AR-DHS website



ATTFND:

- Learn more about the State EVV Solution and processes to utilize an Alternate EVV system, by attending Sandata-led Town Halls
- Look for an invitation from your contracting entity



REACH OUT:

 Ask any questions by reaching out to the EVV mailbox: <u>evvarkansas@dhs.arkansas.gov</u>





Thank you for attending today's event and for taking time to complete the post event survey!